

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 555

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul Neal Sullivan of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Neal Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, Paul Sullivan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a founding member of Holy Rosary Parish, and 30-year coach of the girls' basketball team at Holy Rosary Academy, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a 1947 graduate of Father Ryan High School, Mr. Sullivan bravely served in the Korean War and was a member of the 568th Ordinance Reunion Group and the American Legion; he ably achieved the status of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Paul Sullivan was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Kathleen "Kay" Sullivan and parents, Joe B. and Ruby Neal Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-six years, Marie Rose Sullivan, and was the proud parent of daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Joe Brown, Jeanne and Frank Nolan, and Lisa and Eric Graves; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his brother, Joe B. Sullivan, Jr., married to Barbara; grandchildren, Christy Adams, Chip Nolan, Luke Graves, Allie Graves, Drew Brown, and Connor Graves; and great-grandchild, Nolan Adams; and

WHEREAS, Paul Sullivan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Paul Neal Sullivan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Sullivan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.